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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/03 AND ENDING 12/31/03  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

LESKO SECURITIES, INC.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

53 CHENANGO STREET, SECOND FLOOR

(No. and Street)

BINGHAMTON

NEW YORK

13901

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

KAREN STEBBINS

(607) 724-2421

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

STELLA & GETTY, CPAs

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

3001 EAST MAIN STREET

ENDWELL

NEW YORK

13760

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

☒ Certified Public Accountant

☐ Public Accountant

☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, CHARLES LESKO, JR., swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of LESKO SECURITIES, INC., as of DECEMBER 31, 20 03, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 23rd day of February 2004

Charles Lesko, Jr.  
Signature  
PRESIDENT  
Title

Deborah Wilson  
Notary Public

DEBORAH WILSON  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01WI6007085  
Qualified in Broome County  
My commission expires May 18, 2006

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☒ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☒ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
- ☒ (o) Independent auditor's report on internal accounting control.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
(A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY  
OF LESKO FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.)

53 Chenango Street  
Second Floor  
Binghamton, New York 13901

DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

A DELAWARE CORPORATION  
Organized November 5, 1980

<u>STOCKHOLDERS</u>	<u>SHARES</u>
Lesko Financial Services, Inc.	100
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OFFICERS

Charles Lesko, Jr. - President & Secretary  
Deborah Wilson - Vice-President

LESKO SECURITIES, INC.

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## **STELLA & GETTY, CPAs**

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David M. Stella, CPA

February 5, 2004

Stockholders and Board of Directors  
Lesko Securities, Inc.

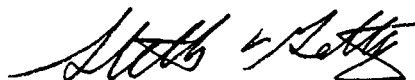
### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the Statements of Financial Condition of Lesko Securities, Inc. (A Wholly-owned Subsidiary of Lesko Financial Services, Inc.) as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related Statements of Income, Retained Earnings, Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors, and Cash Flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lesko Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements, taken as a whole. The information contained in schedules 1, 2 and 3 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stella & Getty", written in dark ink.

STELLA &amp; GETTY, CPAs

LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
(A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY)

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$181,817	\$148,684
Receivable From Brokers and Dealers	7,642	16,310
Mutual Fund Concessions Receivable	101,116	113,740
Accounts Receivable - Other	300	7,702
Marketable Securities (At Market, Cost \$7,147 and \$7,147 Respectively)	6,335	5,447
Deposit with Clearing Broker	10,000	10,000
Federal Tax Refund Due	-0-	4,852
Prepaid Expenses	8,019	9,361
Note Receivable - Parent Corp.	<u>20,333</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>335,562</u>	<u>316,096</u>
<u>PROPERTY</u>		
Equipment	4,723	4,723
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,502)</u>	<u>(4,059)</u>
PROPERTY - NET	<u>221</u>	<u>664</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
Deferred Tax Asset	<u>3,530</u>	<u>10,780</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>3,530</u>	<u>10,780</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$339,313</u> =====	<u>\$327,540</u> =====

See Auditor's Report and Accompanying Notes.

LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
(A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Note Payable	\$ 11,241	\$ 6,042
Commissions Payable	79,105	94,905
Due To Parent Corp.	58,590	68,886
Accrued Expenses	<u>6,904</u>	<u>5,172</u>
 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	 <u>155,840</u>	 <u>175,005</u>

COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENT LIABILITY

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Common Stock, No Par Value; 1,000 shares authorized, 100 shares issued and out- standing	10,200	10,200
Retained Earnings	<u>173,273</u>	<u>142,335</u>
 TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	 <u>183,473</u>	 <u>152,535</u>
  TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	  \$339,313 =====	  \$327,540 =====

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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

<u>REVENUES</u>	2003	2002
Commissions - Securities	\$ 289,512	\$ 289,550
Commissions - Other	-0-	6,774
Revenues - Fee Based	15,755	18,669
Revenue from Sale of Investment Company Shares	1,403,586	1,470,149
Interest and Dividends	641	1,495
Miscellaneous Income	-0-	704
Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Securities	888	(962)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,710,382</u>	<u>1,786,379</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Voting Stockholder Commissions	157,648	225,578
Registered Representatives' Commissions	734,508	744,043
Rents and Services	693,495	738,418
Regulatory Fees	12,577	10,682
Continuing Education	1,810	3,475
Insurance	11,939	11,118
Interest Expense	35	932
Depreciation	443	861
Office Expenses	4,528	4,406
Professional Fees	8,035	4,672
Dues and Subscriptions	4,469	4,926
Computer Services	24,242	23,553
Exchange Fees	8,950	8,802
Arbitration Fees and Settlement	7,829	82,194
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,670,508</u>	<u>1,863,660</u>
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR TAXES	39,874	(77,281)
<u>PROVISIONS FOR TAXES</u>		
Current	1,686	(4,492)
Deferred	7,250	(9,752)
TOTAL TAXES ON INCOME	<u>8,936</u>	<u>(14,244)</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	30,938	(63,037)
RETAINED EARNINGS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>142,335</u>	<u>205,372</u>
RETAINED EARNINGS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 173,273</u> =====	<u>\$ 142,335</u> =====

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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES  
SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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There were no liabilities subordinated to claims of General Creditors for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 30,938	\$(63,037)
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	443	861
Unrealized (Gain) Loss on Securities	(888)	962
Decrease(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	28,694	(19,904)
Decrease(Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	6,194	(8,625)
Decrease in Other Assets	7,250	60,248
(Decrease) in Deposits Held	-0-	(4,000)
(Decrease) Increase in Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	<u>(24,364)</u>	<u>26,215</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>48,267</u>	<u>(7,280)</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Loan to Related Party	<u>(20,333)</u>	<u>7,002</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(20,333)</u>	<u>7,002</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Borrowing	<u>5,199</u>	<u>6,042</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>5,199</u>	<u>6,042</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	33,133	5,764
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>148,684</u>	<u>142,920</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$181,817	\$148,684
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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	\$ 35	\$ -0-
Income Taxes	\$ 530	\$ 480

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND  
FINANCING ACTIVITIES

None to report.

DISCLOSURE OF ACCOUNTING POLICY

For purposes of the Statement Of Cash Flows, cash consists of cash in bank, cash used for trading activities, and cash invested in money market funds.

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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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NOTE 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

Lesko Securities, Inc. is a registered broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD).

Method of Accounting

The Company utilizes the accrual method of accounting on a trade date basis for recording its revenues. Expenses are recorded when the expense is incurred.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Company sell investments primarily to customers in the Southern Tier of New York State. The Company maintains one office located in Binghamton, New York.

Income Taxes

Income taxes are provided based on the income reported in the financial statements.

Property

Property is depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the related assets.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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NOTE 2      COMMITMENTS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has entered into an agreement with Lesko Financial Services, Inc. (its parent Company), to pay Lesko Financial Services, Inc. eighty-five (85%) in 2003 and ninety percent (90%) in 2002 of all revenues actually paid to the Company after allowances for commissions due registered representatives. This payment is in lieu of rents and payments for services including, but not limited to, secretarial, clerical, accounting and technical staff; telephone service; mailing facilities and postage costs; printing and supply costs; travel expenses; subscriptions, etc. This agreement may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days written notice. The total amount of rents and services amounted to \$687,495 and \$732,418 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The company paid \$6,000 in 2003 and 2002 to an unrelated party for rental space.

NOTE 3      NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Net Capital Rule (rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Company had net capital of \$102,481 and \$77,979, respectively, which was \$52,481 and \$27,979, respectively, in excess of its required net capital. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 1.5 to 1 in 2003 and 2.2 to 1 in 2002 .

NOTE 4      NOTE PAYABLE - WELLS FARGO BANK

Line of credit agreement secured by personal guarantee of Charles Lesko, Jr. Note bears interest at prime plus 4.5% per annum. The parent corporation is the primary debtor on the loan approved for \$50,000. Available credit at 12/31/03 was \$15,559.

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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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NOTE 5      TAXES ON INCOME

In 2003, the Company used a net operating loss carryforward deduction of \$42,695 to offset its taxable income for Federal income taxes.

Tax provision for 2002 includes \$4,852 of Federal income taxes refundable due to a net operating loss carryback.

Deferred tax assets result from a net operating loss carryforward to future tax years and accrued commission expense not deducted for income tax purposes.

NOTE 6      CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Company has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit. It is the advice of counsel that the matter will take years to resolve and that the maximum anticipated liability to the Company is \$10,000.

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See Auditor's Report.

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FINANCIAL AND OPERATION COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER LESKO SECURITIES, INC.

as of 12/31/03

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

1. Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition	\$ 183,473	3480
2. Deduct ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital	19	3490
3. Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital	183,473	3500
4. Add:		
A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital		3520
B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List)		3525
5. Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	\$ 183,473	3530
6. Deductions and/or charges:		
A. Total nonallowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C)	17 \$ 77,807	3540
B. Secured demand note deficiency		3590
C. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities- proprietary capital charges		3600
D. Other deductions and/or charges		3610
7. Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)	( 77,807 )	3620
8. Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	20 \$ 105,666	3630
9. Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1 (f)):		
A. Contractual securities commitments	\$	3660
B. Subordinated securities borrowings		3670
C. Trading and investment securities:		
1. Exempted securities	18	3735
2. Debt securities		3733
3. Options		3730
4. Other securities	3,185	3734
D. Undue Concentration		3650
E. Other (List)		3736
10. Net Capital	\$ 102,481	375

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FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER LESKO SECURITIES, INC.

as of 12/31/03

COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Part A

11. Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19)	\$ 10,389	3756
12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	\$ 50,000	3758
13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)	\$ 50,000	3760
14. Excess net capital (line 10 less 13)	\$ 52,481	3770
15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)	\$ 86,897	3780

COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS

16. Total A.L. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition	\$ 155,840	3790
17. Add:		
A. Drafts for immediate credit	\$ 3800	
B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited	\$ 3810	
C. Other unrecorded amounts (List)	\$ 3820	3830
19. Total aggregate indebtedness	\$ 155,840	3840
20. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19 ÷ by line 10)	% 152	3850
21. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1 (d)	% N/A	3860

COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Part B

22. 2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries' debits	\$ 387	
23. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	\$ 388	
24. Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23)	\$ 376	
25. Excess net capital (line 10 less 24)	\$ 391	
26. Net capital in excess of:		
5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$120,000	\$ 391	

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NOTES:

- (A) The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
  2. 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or 2% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- (B) Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements or secured demand note covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of company (contra to item 1740) and partners' securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- (C) For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

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COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE  
REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

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The following schedules are not required:

Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements  
Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3

Information Relating to the Possession or Control  
Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3

An exemption from Rule 15c3-3 is claimed based on sections (K) (2) (i), special account for exclusive benefit of customers. All customer transactions cleared through another broker - dealer on a fully disclosed basis. The clearing firm on December 31, 2003 was Fiserv Securities, Inc.

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LESKO SECURITIES, INC.  
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RECONCILIATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF

NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1

DECEMBER 31, 2003

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	<u>Audit Report</u>	<u>Unaudited Part II A Filing</u>
Total Ownership Equity from the Statement of Financial Condition	\$183,473	\$183,026
Reconciliation:		
Audit adjustment (due to Accrued Income and Expenses) for the year ending December 31, 2003	<u>-0-</u>	<u>447</u>
	183,473	183,473
Non-allowable Assets	(77,807)	(97,647)
Adjustments of Non-allowable Assets	-0-	19,840
Haircuts on Securities	<u>(3,185)</u>	<u>(3,185)</u>
	\$102,481 =====	\$102,481 =====

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David M. Stella, CPA

February 5, 2004

Mr. Charles Lesko, Jr., President  
Lesko Securities, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of Lesko Securities, Inc. (A wholly-owned Subsidiary of Lesko Financial Services, Inc.) for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2004. As part of our audits, we made a study and evaluation of the Company's system of internal accounting control (which includes the procedures for safeguarding securities) to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. The purpose of our study and evaluation, which included obtaining an understanding of the accounting system, was to determine the nature, timing, and extent of the auditing procedures necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

We also made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13 or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above mentioned objectives.

The objectives of a system and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal accounting control procedures or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may never the less occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation made for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control of Lesko Securities, Inc. taken as a whole. However, our study and evaluation disclosed no condition that we believe to be a material weakness.

We understand the practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy at December 31, 2003, to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and should not be used for any other purpose.



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